GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

AM Dept. - V&E case - Allegations of irregularities in Engineering Wing of State Agriculture Marketing Department in Ananthapur District – Initiation of Departmental Proceedings u/r 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules against Sri M.Venugopal Rao, EE(AM), Guntur (Retired), Sri Ch.Raghu Rami Reddy, the then Dy.E.E.(AM), Guntur presently working as DEE(M), AMC, Adoni and D.Kotaiah, Asst. Engineer, O/o the DEE(AM), Guntur – Article of Charges framed – W.S.D. submitted – Appointment of Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer - Inquiry report received – Enquiry Report communicated – Representations received - Specific recommendations – further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 79 Dated: 26-02-2021.

Read the following:-

1. From GA (V&E) Dept. Report No.42(C.No.96/V&E/E2/2013), dt.25.5.2015.
2. From the C&DoAM, A.P., Hyd.lr.No. DS(1)11179/2015, Dt:23.9.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.No.93, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt. 10-02-2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.94 , A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt. 10 -02-2016.
5. W.S.D of Sri M.Venugopal Rao, EE(M), Visakhapatnam, dt:17.08.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.953, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dt:27.12.2016, dt:16.03.2017.
7. W.S.D. of Sri D.Kotaiah, AE, O/o DEE,(AM), Guntur, dt:16.03.2017.
8. Govt. Memo. No.5187/Vig.II(1)/2015, Dt:31.05.2018.
9. G.O.Rt.No.488, A&C(VIG.II) Dept., dated:06.07.2018.
10. From G.A.(COI.PKS) Dept., D.O.Lr.No.104/COI.PKS)2018, dt:21.02.2019.
11. Govt. Memo. No.5187/Vig.II(1)/2015, dt: 16.05.2019 & dt:27.08.2019.
12. From the C&DoAM, AP., Guntur, Lr.No.DS(1)11179/2015, dt:27.08.2019 along with explanations of Sri M.Venugopal Rao, EE, Sri Ch.Raghurami Reddy, DEE and Sri D.Kotaiah, AE, Guntur.
13. File C.No.DS(1)11179-2015 received from C&DoAM on 19.02.2020.

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that, the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department has conducted enquiry on certain irregularities in execution of 6 works in Agriculture Market Yards at Piduguralla, Dachepalli, Gurazala relating to Construction of Covered Auction Platforms (CAP) etc. in which four (4) Officers are involved. The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department has requested to take disciplinary action against Sri K.Radhakrishna Murthy, Superintendent Engineer, Sri M.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer, Sri Ch.Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer and Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer of Agricultural Marketing & Cooperation Department.

2. Whereas, in the references 3rd, 4th and 6th read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the 3 charged officers for violation of conduct rules and articles of charges framed against Sri M.Venugopal Rao, Executive Engineer(AM) (Retired), Sri Ch.Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer and Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer. In the reference 5th and 7th read above, Sri M.Venugopal Rao, Executive Engineer (M) (Retired), Visakhapatnam and Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer have submitted their written statements of defence. Sri Ch.Raghurami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer(M), Guntur has not submitted his defence statement regarding charges framed against him.

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3. In the reference 8th read above, the copies of records and connected material was forwarded to the State of Telangana for taking further necessary action against Sri K.Radhakrishna Murthy, Superintendent Engineer (AM), who is drawing pension from Central Market Fund in Agricultural Market Committee, Bowenpally, Hyderabad, Telangana Government.

4. In the reference 9th read above, Government have issued orders appointing Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS, COI as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the said (3) charged officers. In the reference 10th read above, the Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted the Inquiry Report holding Charge 1 as partially proved out of the four charges against Sri M.Venugopala Rao(AM) (Retd) and in respect of Sri Ch.Raghuram Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur, out of 3 charges, charge 1 was partially held proved. The charges are not held proved in respect of Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, Guntur).

5. In the reference 11th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing was requested to communicate the Enquiry Report to all the charged officers with a request to submit their Representations /objections on the findings of the Enquiry report along with his remarks / recommendations to Government. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officers have submitted their explanations on the findings of the Enquiry Report.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter in detail and remarks submitted by the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing in the reference 13th read above, have decided to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing and to drop further action against Sri M.Venugopal Rao, Executive Engineer(AM)(Retired), Sri Ch.Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer and Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer, as the total work is completed within budget sanction as per revised estimates approved by Superintendent Engineer(AM) and the Market users are utilizing the 6 CAP's since completion of works and there is no financial loss to Agricultural Market Committee, Pediguralla, Dachepalli, Gurazala.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri M.Venugopal Rao, Executive Engineer(AM)(Retired), Sri Ch.Raghu Rami Reddy, Deputy Executive Engineer and Sri D.Kotaiah, Assistant Engineer, Guntur.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further action accordingly.

(BY THE ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y MADHUSUDHANA REDDY
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals (through the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur).
The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., A.P.Secretariat.
The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept., A.P., Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER